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Strike section 3 and insert the following:

SEC. 3. COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDANCE FOR CRUISE SHIPS; RESUMPTION OF CRUISE SHIP OPERATIONS.

(a) COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDANCE FOR CRUISE SHIPS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the earlier of 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act or June 1, 2021, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this section as the “Director”) and in consultation with the interagency working group established under paragraph (3), shall issue recommendations for how to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 introduction, transmission, and spread among passengers and crew onboard cruise ships and ashore to communities. The Secretary may later update or modify such recommendations as necessary to mitigate such risks.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The recommendations issued under paragraph (1) shall be applicable to all cruise ships subject to the order entitled “No Sail Order and Suspension of Further Embarkation”, issued by the Director on March 24, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 16628), or any modification to, or extension of, such order.

(3) WORKING GROUP.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established, as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, an interagency working group, for purposes of developing, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the recommendations described in paragraph (1), in order to facilitate the resumption of passenger cruise ship operations in the United States.

(B) MEMBERS.—The interagency working group shall consist of—

(i) the Secretary (or designee) serving as Chair;

(ii) the Secretaries (or designees) of Transportation, of Homeland Security, and of Commerce; and

(iii) industry stakeholders appointed by the Secretary.

(C) SCOPE OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—In developing the recommendations described in paragraph (1), the interagency working group shall consider public health safety needs; risk mitigation strategies and health protocols for passengers and crew that are consistent with, and not substantially more burdensome than, the guidance applied by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to other business sectors and travel-related industries; and overall economic impacts, costs, and benefits of the recommendations.

(b) RESUMPTION OF CRUISE SHIP OPERATIONS.—On the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall revoke the order entitled “Framework for Conditional Sailing and Initial Phase COVID-19 Testing Requirements for Protection of Crew”, issued by the Director on November 4, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 70153), under the authority of sections 361

and 365 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264; 268), and any other order or regulation that prohibits the operation of all cruise ships in United States waters, requires such ships to obtain approval from the Director prior to operating, or otherwise acts as a de facto prohibition for cruise ship operations in the United States.

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the Secretary to make and enforce such regulations that, in the judgment of the Secretary, are necessary to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases on any individual cruise ship presenting a public health threat by reason of the existence of any communicable disease.

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Strike section 2 and all that follows and insert the following:

SEC. 2. VOYAGES DEEMED FOREIGN.

Any voyage carrying 800 or more passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska shall be deemed a foreign voyage for purposes of the law of the United States for the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on October 1, 2021.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, I have 8 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a briefing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-591, as amended by Public Law 102-221, appoints the following member of the United States Senate for appointment as a Senate Trustee to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation: The Honorable JOE MANCHIN III of West Virginia.

The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 108-286, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Honorable JEFF MERKLEY of Oregon (Chairman); The Honorable DIANNE FEINSTEIN of California; the Honorable ANGUS S. KING JR of Maine; and The Honorable JON OSSOFF of Georgia.

The Chair, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 116-156, on behalf of the